



U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Northern District of Alabama

Victim Witness Unit

ANNOUNCEMENT

Alabama Drug Endangered Children Conference

August 8 - 9, 2005

Bessemer Civic Center

1130 Ninth Avenue, SW

Bessemer, Alabama 35022

Sponsored by: The United States Attorney's Office - NDAL

Drug Endangered Children are those children who suffer physical/psychological harm or neglect resulting from exposure to illegal drugs, persons under the influence of illegal drugs and/or exposure to dangerous environments where drugs are being manufactured or chemicals used to make drugs are accessible. These harms may include: injury from explosion, fire or exposure to toxic chemicals found at clandestine lab sites; physical abuse; sexual abuse; medical neglect, lack of basic care including failure to provide meals, sanitary and safe living conditions or schooling. These victims are part of a very large population of children whose lives have been seriously and negatively impacted by dangerous drugs.

Presenters have been carefully chosen by the Department of Justice and the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (DEC). Topics include the history of the DEC Program; examples of active DEC programs, methamphetamine lab recognition; inherent dangers; investigative techniques to include interview guidelines, the crime scene diagram, evidence collection and specialized methods utilized by the child abuse investigators. Other topics include Child Protective Services response and procedures including the parallel civil investigation, temporary order of custody, forensic interview, medical & psychological exams, issues of concern and drug screening. In addition, the role of prosecutors including application of statutes, combining the investigations, case studies and successful prosecution will also be discussed.

Who Should Attend? Target participants for this conference include federal, state and local law enforcement officers; clandestine lab investigators; victim service providers and officers; prosecutors; victim/victim-witness advocates; child protective services personnel; pediatricians and other health care professionals who provide services to children.

Credits: APOST AND CLE credits will be available.

Registration Fee: \$10.00 (Please make checks and money orders to **LECC FUND**)

Please forward registration forms and fees to:

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TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, August 8, 2005

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Welcome/Opening Remarks
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Safety and Awareness <i>Meth Cooking techniques; the dangers associated with each technique; actions that should be taken if exposed to a meth lab</i>
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Child Abuse Investigations <i>Elements of the offense of child abuse; documenting, collecting and photographing necessary evidence to prove the offense of child abuse; the proper way to conduct a forensic interview with the child/victim</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Child Protective Service <i>Social workers/child protective services role when dealing with drug endangered children; necessary protocols to ensure the safety of the caseworker as well as the child</i>
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Medical Assessment <i>Standardized protocols for children removed from drug labs and other drug environments; medical tests which need to be administered to the child/victim within required time limits</i>

Tuesday, August 9, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Prosecutions <i>Elements of crimes of manufacturing Methamphetamine and child abuse as it relates to clandestine labs.</i>
10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Psychosocial <i>Standardized protocols for children removed from drug labs and other drug environments; psychosocial risk factors of drug endangered children; practical tools to utilize when working with drug endangered children</i>
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Group Sessions to discuss DEC issues

Conference Adjournment



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